## Local Government Mandate Statement Kentucky Legislative Research Commission 2020 Regular Session

**Part I: Measure Information** 

Bill Request #: 903	
Bill #: HB 157	
Document ID #: 1428	
Bill Subject/Title:	AN ACT proposing an amendment to Section 32 of the Constitution of Kentcky relating to terms of members of the General Assembly.
Sponsor: Representative Cluster Howard	
Unit of Government:	City x County x Urban-County Unified Local Charter County x Consolidated Local x Government
Office(s) Impacted:	County Clerks
Requirement: x	Mandatory Optional
Effect on Powers & Duties:	Modifies Existing Adds New Eliminates Existing

## Part II: Bill Provisions and the Estimated Fiscal Impact Relating to Local Government

HB 157 proposes to amend Section 32 of the Constitution of Kentucky to prevent Senators from serving more than four terms of office, not including partial terms of two years or less, and to prevent members of the House of Representatives from serving more than six terms of office, not including partial terms of two years or less, beginning with those elected in November 2022.

The bill provides ballot language for submission to voters for ratification or rejection. Section 256 of the Kentucky Constitution specifies that constitutional amendments are only added to the ballot for the general election in even-numbered years ("next general election for members of the House of Representatives"). Therefore the constitutional amendment would be submitted to the voters in November 2020.

The costs of HB 157 to local governments due to adding a constitutional amendment to a ballot would be minimal. There are additional programming costs associated with

adding a new category to the ballot on a scheduled statewide election. According to Harp Enterprises, a vendor that provides electronic voting machines to most of Kentucky's counties, the costs would range from \$15 per precinct for larger counties such as Fayette with 286 precincts (\$4,004) to \$45 per precinct for counties such as Franklin with 44 precincts (\$1,980).

## Part III: Differences to Local Government Mandate Statement from Prior Versions

Part II, above, pertains to the bill as introduced.

**Data Source(s):** Kentucky Association of Counties; Harp Enterprises; Kentucky

**Association of County Clerks** 

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